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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6273**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1029

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 19, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Police Reserve Officer Training.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Niezgodski

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires after June 30, 2009, a police reserve officer to successfully complete the basic training required for other law enforcement officers in order to exercise police powers. The bill prohibits a police reserve officer appointed before July 1, 1993, or a police reserve officer who completed a pre-basic training course before July 1, 2008, from exercising police powers after June 30, 2009, unless the officer successfully completes the basic training requirements.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary-* State expenditures to train additional law enforcement recruits could increase under the proposal. The amount of additional expenditures required is unknown and the training would have to be carried out within the existing budgeted resources of the state Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA). However, a reserve officer that is not able to receive training at the LETA due to class size constraints could go to another Law Enforcement Training Board-approved training facility to receive their basic training.

The potential increase in LETA expenditures could be alleviated by attrition, if reserve officers choose to discontinue service with their law enforcement agency or are unable to qualify for LETA admission.

**Background Information-** The LETA will receive budgeted appropriations totaling \$8.8 M during the current biennium. Appropriations are from the state General Fund and dedicated traffic court fee revenues. The LETA currently estimates a cost per student of \$6,435 to attend the LETA, which includes meals, lodging, ammunition, and other training costs. Approximately 400 to 450 recruits attend the basic law enforcement course at the LETA each year.

Based on U.S. Department of Justice data, it is estimated that Indiana has 480 reserve local police officers and 180 reserve sheriff's deputies. It is unknown how many reserve police officers have graduated from a Board-approved law enforcement basic course.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Board-certified training centers, such as the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department facility, may require additional expenditures to train reserve police officers. Any additional training would have to be carried out within existing resources. The specific impact to local expenditures would depend on the facility and the number of reserve officers that are trained. Additionally, the bill could reduce the number of full-time police officer candidates sponsored for basic training at the LETA by their local law enforcement agency if greater numbers of reserve officers are sponsored.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipalities with a Board-approved law enforcement training facility.

**Information Sources:** U.S. Department of Justice: *Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin, June 2007*; Rusty Goodpaster, Director, Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy.

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